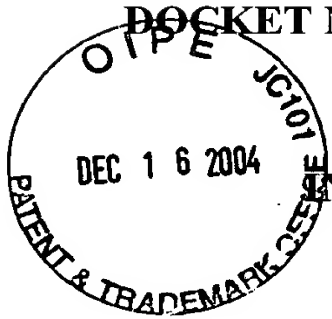


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**PETITION TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE (37 CFR § 1.313 (c))**

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue.
2. The issue fee for this case was paid on **September 15, 2004**.
3. This application is scheduled to
  - ☐ issue on \_\_\_\_\_ as patent number \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Based on information received from the Publication Division no issue date has been set for this application as of the date of the date of the Request for Withdrawal.
4. The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue is:
  - ☐ consideration of a request for continued examination is being filed concurrently herewith.
  - ☐ one or more of the claims are unpatentable.

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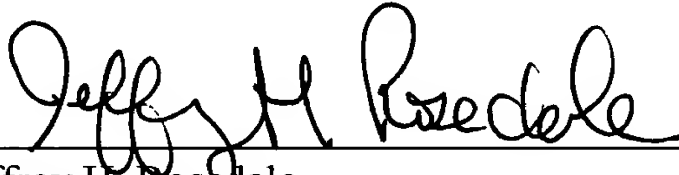
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- ☒ Under 37 CFR 1.313(c) (3), express abandonment in favor of continuation application, U.S. Serial No. 10/932,630, filed September 2, 2004.

5. The petition fee (37 CFR § 1.17 (i)) is paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3050 in the amount of \$130.00. This sheet is attached in duplicate.
- ☒ The Commission is hereby authorized to charge payment of the above fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050. This sheet is attached in duplicate.

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